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BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/595,709 ✓
Filing Date: June 16, 2000 ✓
Entitled: NETWORK DEVICE INCLUDING MULTIPLE MID-PLANES
Attorney Docket No: 102689-25 / 00-U0026

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. Preliminary Amendment;
2. Nine (9) pages of amended informal drawings;
3. Two (2) pages of Specification; and
4. Return Postcard.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees which may be associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 141449.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 21, line 29, following "central processor 12 over Ethernet network", please delete "32" and insert therefor -- 41 --.

On page 22, line 11, following "control and data over Ethernet", please delete "32" and insert therefor -- 41 --.